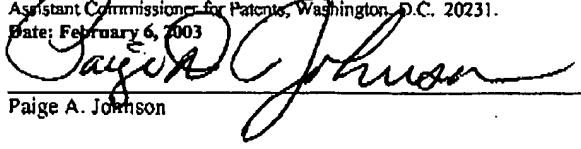


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PATENT APPLICATION

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and Jeffrey G. Jarvik**

Group Art Unit: 3737

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NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS**
Examiner : Ali Imam

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the telephonic Restriction Requirement of January 24, 2003, Applicants hereby confirm their election of the invention of Group I (claims 1-21 and 35-49; drawn to methods and systems employing ultrasound), without traverse.

Prior to examination of the subject application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following claim amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-34.

Please add the following new claims 50-61: